The Greening of SLA

Make it easy to be **Green**!

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Please use sticky notes to add your ideas. After the Conference, I'll compile everything for *Biofeedback*. Thanks!

What Do YOU Do Personally?

Walk, take public transport, bike, carpool to work.
Use your own mugs, tableware, and containers whenever possible
Minimize use of water both around the home and at work.
Drive less, walk more; combine errands.
Reduce, Reuse, Return, Recycle!
Purchase carbon offsets.
Turn off lights and appliances (both at work and at home).
Take your own bags to stores; avoid plastic bags when possible.
Buy organic/local when you can.
Think before you print!
Buy sustainable, recycled, natural products when possible.
Lower/raise thermostats.
Hand out business cards with a website instead of paper handouts.
Take a train instead of flying whenever possible.
Do gardening, plant trees, and compost.
One participant moved 18 miles closer to work!
Reduce your consumption of animal-based foods.
Don't let your car idle.
Solar panels on your house.
Drive small car or one that uses biodiesel or a hybrid.
Carpool.
Use a rain barrel, with a filter to prevent mosquitoes laying eggs.
Drink tap water, not bottled water ,if you can.
Vacation locally.
Use fans and open windows rather than using air conditioning.

Institutional support is *essential*. What Does YOUR Institution Do?

Donate your discarded books instead of trashing or even recycling them.
Parking issues: subsidize public transportation; encourage carpooling with incentives; build more bike racks; join a service like ZipCar.
Purchase recycled products whenever possible.
Consider green building and remodeling.
Dedicated bulletin boards, columns in institutional newsletter, etc.
Lower/raise thermostats.
Provide mugs etc. and save on paper products.
Print on both sides.
Encourage patrons to choose the PDF version when they print
Post environmental tips in the toilet stalls in the public restrooms.
Provide worm bins for composting!

What to do with SLA Tote Bags

Set up a tote bag exchange.
Contribute them to shelters and halfway houses
Take your own to conferences.
Use them for groceries.
Wrap gifts with them.
Use as gym bags.
Give them away as prizes.
Give to local teachers to use.
Distribute to library patrons.
Give to ILL for courier service.
Use daily.

What Does Your Local SLA Chapter Do?

Communicate with members primarily by electronic means.
Minimize printed handouts etc.
Work with caterers and venues to minimize waste and to recycle.
Talk with vendor sponsors about green alternatives to handouts and "stuff.".
Encourage use of public transportation and carpools to get to meetings.
Hold meetings virtually when possible and appropriate.
Combine meetings with programs (e.g., board meetings before programs).